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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fortieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 23 August 1991. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 5 August 1991 at 10.30 a.m.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 3, which contain the tentative timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

3. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.

5. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

6. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

7. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Under rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and, as appropriate, may add, defer or delete items.

2. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its fortieth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/215). As may be noted from part A of that document, the Committee will have before it at its fortieth session 14 reports received from 7 States parties which are pending consideration by the Committee under article 9 of the Convention. In addition, as of this date, 291 reports from 114 States parties are overdue and have not yet been received.

3. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

The following timetable for the consideration of reports submitted by States parties at the fortieth session has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session, including the decision to review the implementation of the Convention

by 13 States parties whose reports were overdue, on the basis of their last reports and their consideration by the Committee. The States parties concerned are identified by an asterisk.

In pursuance of the established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee, as follows:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 6 August 1991	
AUSTRALIA	Sixth periodic report due in 1986 (CERD/C/146/Add.3).
Wednesday, 7 August 1991	
IRAO	Ninth periodic report due in 1987 (CERD/C/159/Add.2) Tenth periodic report due in 1989 (CERD/C/185/Add.2).
BULGARIA	Ninth, tenth and eleventh periodic reports due in 1986, 1988 and 1990 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/197/Add.4).
Thursday, 8 August 1991	
SIERRA LEONE*	Third periodic report (CERD/C/R.70/Add.22), submitted on 21 June 1974, and considered at the 204th and 215th meetings on 14 August 1974 and 22 August 1974 respectively (CERD/C/SR.204 and 215). Second periodic report (CERD/C/R.30/Add.43 and Add.46), submitted on 9 July 1973 and 29 April 1974 respectively, and considered at the 153rd, 159th, 161st and 204th meetings on 10 August 1973, 15 August 1973 16 August 1973 and 14 August 1974 respectively (CERD/C/SR.153, 159, 161 and 204).
SWAZILAND*	Third periodic report (CERD/C/R.70/Add.18) submitted on 21 May 1974, and considered at the 205th meeting on 15 August 1974 (CERD/C/SR.205).

GUINEA*	Initial report (CERD/C/15/Add.1) submitted on 25 August 1977 and considered at the 369th meeting on 23 March 1978 (CERD/C/SR.369).
Friday, 9 August 1991	
ZAIRE*	Second periodic report (CERD/C/46/Add.4) submitted on 20 March 1980 and considered at the 486th and 487th meetings on 8 and 11 August 1990 respectively (CERD/C/SR.486 and 487).
GAMBIA*	Initial report (CERD/C/61/Add.3) submitted on 30 October 1980 and considered at the 550th meeting on 2 March 1982 (CERD/C/SR.550).
COTE D'IVOIRE*	Second, third and fourth periodic reports, submitted in one document (CERD/C/64/Add.2) on 21 July 1980 and considered at the 510th and 511th meetings on 30 and 31 March 1981 respectively (CERD/C/SR.510 and 511).
Monday, 12 August 1991	
LEBANON*	Second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/65/Add.4) on 5 December 1980 and considered at the 516th meeting on 2 April 1981 (CERD/C/SR.516).
GABON*	Initial report (CERD/C/71/Add.1) submitted on 17 April 1981 and considered at the 550th meeting on 2 March 1982 (CERD/C/SR.550).
TOGO*	Initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/75/Add.12) on 21 March 1983 and considered at the 640th and 641st meetings on 20 and 21 July 1983 respectively (CERD/C/SR.640 and 641).

Tuesday, 13 August 1991

UGANDA*	Initial report (CERD/C/71/Add.2) submitted on 10 July 1984 and considered at the 680th meeting on 9 August 1984 and 687th meeting on 14 August 1984 (CERD/C/SR.680 and 687).
FIJI*	Fifth periodic report (CERD/C/89/Add.3) submitted on 25 October 1983 and considered at the 629th meeting on 13 July 1983 (CERD/C/SR.629).
BAHAMAS*	Third and fourth periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/88/Add.2) on 25 August 1982 and considered at the 610th meeting on 15 March 1983 (CERD/C/SR.610).

Wednesday, 14 August 1991

BELGIUM*	Third and fourth periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/88/Add.5) on 28 July 1983 and considered at the 663rd, 664th and 665th meetings on 14 and 15 March 1984 (CERD/C/SR.663, 664 and 665).
UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC	Eleventh periodic report due in 1990 (CERD/C/197/Add.5).

Thursday, 15 August 1991

MEXICO	Seventh and eighth periodic reports due in 1988 and 1990 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/194/1).
ISRAEL	Fifth and sixth periodic reports due in 1988 and 1990 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/192/Add.2).

Friday, 16 August 1991

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	Ninth, tenth and eleventh periodic reports due in 1986, 1988 and 1990 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/197/Add.6).

4. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

5. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/216) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories which may be transmitted to the Committee by the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

6. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session), in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda throughout the Second Decade and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Second Decade.

For its consideration of this item at its fortieth session, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General (A/45/443);

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: note by the Secretary-General (A/45/525);

(c) General Assembly resolution 45/105 of 14 December 1990: Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(d) General Assembly resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990: World Conference on Human Rights;

(e) Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30 of 5 March 1991: World Conference on Human Rights.

7. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention

In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention the Committee is to submit, through the Secretary-General, an annual report to the General Assembly. The 1991 report to the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly is to cover the activities of the Committee at its thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions.